

The Andover Council on Aging Board (COAB) met in regular session on Friday, September 12, 2014 at 9 am at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, MA.

Chair Don Rob called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and on

ROLL CALL: Present were Don Robb, Ann Grecoe, Mike Roli, Kaye Devanna, Joan Fox, Stu, Jane Gifun, Margaret O'Connor and Joe Ponti. Absent was Stu McNeil.

Also present were Kathy Urquhart, Director of Elder Services; Donna Morse, Executive Secretary of Elder Services; Will Morgan, B'Nai B'rith Housing; Holly Grace, B'Nai B'rith Housing; Samantha Gajewski, National Development; Paul Materazzo, Town of Andover Planner; Evelyn Retelle; Elin Ohlenbusch; Jeanette Barron; John Petty; Carol Mills; Martha Doyle; Rita Carrier; Officer Robin Cataldo, Andover Police Department; Irene Gaudette; Gloria Crane; Russell Ouellette, Andover TRIAD; Ethel Olsen, Andover TRIAD; Paul Kang; Audrey Nason; George Nason; Kenneth Veznaian; Bernice Downs; Margaret Earle and Alma Cooney.

Minutes

On Motion by Joe Ponti, which was seconded by Ann Grecoe, it was voted to accept the Minutes as amended. On VOICE VOTE the motion was declared as PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Introductions

The Council members introduced themselves and Kathy Urquhart introduced Russell Ouellette and Ethel Olsen from TRIAD, Andover Police Officer Robin Cataldo, Town Planner Paul Materazzo and Andover Senior Community Friends member Audrey Nason.

New Business

Strawberry Hill Farm Development Presentation - Will Morgan of B'Nai B'rith and Samantha Gajewski of National Development gave a presentation of the Strawberry Hill Farm Development Project at 254 Lowell Street. It is a senior housing project to be developed in two stages; The Bridges at Andover, for the memory impaired, and Andover Senior Residences, affordable housing for the 55+. Will explained that B'Nai B'rith has done studies and feels that there is a need for this type of housing. Some of the feedback they received from the audience was: the management of the property will be subcontracted, wrong location, should be close to the population center, need a not-for-profit unit, and traffic flow.

Email Addresses - Kathy Urquhart stated that all Board members should have received their new Town email addresses. They are to be used for all Council business as it falls under the public information regulations. After the meeting, someone will be down from the IT Department to walk the members through the steps for accessing their account and changing their password.

Old Business

Senior Needs Assessment – Kathy Urquhart reported that she has a draft of the questions which she will email to the members. They were asked to review them and send their feedback to Kathy by September 15. Don Robb stated that he will set up a sub-committee of 2-3 members to work with Kathy on this project.

On MOTION of Don Robb and seconded by Ann Grecoe the meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

The next meeting is October 23, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Morse
Recording Secretary